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Appointment of health visitors in the City.

* 1355 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of male and female health visitors appointed by the Government in the City of Madras and the total establishment charges in the year 1952;

(*b*) the activities of these health visitors and the authorities who are supervising their work and under whose control they are;

(*c*) the allowances paid to them for visiting several areas; and

(*d*) the machines and implements they are permitted to carry with them for first-aid and such other things?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Six female health visitors have been appointed by Government in the City. The total establishment charges on them in 1952 amounted to Rs. 12,041–2–0. No male health visitor has been appointed.

" (*b*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

" (*c*) A conveyance allowance of Rs. 25 for those working in the Government Tuberculosis Institute, Egmore, and Rs. 15 for others is being paid.

" (*d*) The answer is in the negative, Sir."

Utilization of the surplus funds of the Guruvayur temple for educational purposes and for the construction of a hospital.

* 1356 Q.—SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the income of the Guruvayur temple during the last three years;

(*b*) whether out of the income any amount has been set apart or utilized for educational purposes; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal for the construction of a hospital at Guruvayur out of the surplus funds of the temple?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The actual receipts of the Guruvayur temple for the last three faslis is given below :—

Fasli.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.	Paddy. PARAS.
1360	3,69,566	13	6	.. 15,620
1361	3,97,951	0	7	.. 15,695
1362	4,21,355	7	11	.. 14,244

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 730–731 infra.

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"(*b*) Yes. The information is furnished in the statement* placed on the table of the House.

"(*c*) No."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—"Will the Government consider the desirability of diverting a portion of the income of the Guruvayur temple for the purpose of constructing a hospital? Has not a petition been given to the Hon. the Chief Minister already in this regard?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"There is a hospital at Chowghat which is just a mile from Guruvayur. There is a Civil Assistant Surgeon also there. I do not think the question need be considered."

DR. K. B. MENON :—"Is it not necessary that the Government should consider the question of diverting a part of the savings for public purposes?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"I can answer the question only after the amending Bill is passed."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—"The so-called hospital at Chowghat is only a dispensary with just half a dozen beds. So, there is a great demand for a hospital at Guruvayur. In view of this and in view of the large floating population in this place consisting largely of pilgrims, will the Government reconsider the question of diversion of funds from this temple for the construction of a hospital?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"It will be considered."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"Sir, it is stated that a sum of Rs. 2,000 was spent on an orphanage. May I know from the Hon. the Minister to which orphanage this sum was given in Malabar?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"A separate question may be put."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"May I know whether, under the existing law, it is permissible to divert the funds of a Hindu religious institution for the benefit of institutions which are used by the public including all religious communities?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"I do not want to answer the question now. I want some time to answer it. I do not want to do it now because I do not want the Government to commit themselves to anything."

SRI E. T. KUNHAN :—"ഗുരുവായൂർ ക്ഷേത്രത്തിൽ മിച്ചമിരിപ്പുള്ള പണം ഹരിജനങ്ങളുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസാവശ്യങ്ങൾക്ക വേണ്ടി വിനിയോഗിക്കുമോ ?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"അതിനെപ്പററി ആലോചിക്കാം."

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